

Wycombe meet former team-mates

TWO of Wycombe Wanderers' outstanding players last season, Alan Phillips and Gary Hand, meet up with their former colleagues tonight (Tuesday) when the Blues travel to Hendon in the Rothmans Isthmian League.

The two defenders returned to their old club after just one season with the Blues — but many Wanderers supporters were sorry to see them go. Phillips, last year's captain, was in tremendous form by the end of the season while Hand's consistency and aggression at left back made him a firm favourite.

After playing major roles in both the F.A. Cup and league campaigns, it was surprising to see them leave but Wycombe were fortunate to sign capable replacements in John Delaney and Ray Eaton.

Hand and Phillips will be going all out to put one over their old team-mates tonight and for Wycombe, this game will be their stiffest test of the season to date.

Hendon have started well and having beaten Barking 2-0 on Saturday, are now the only undefeated side in Division One. They have signed on several new players this season.

Two former professionals are now at Clarendon Road, Watford's reserve goalkeeper last year Malcolm Dalrymple and Brentford forward Fulham and Brentford midfielder player Dave Mettchick. They have also signed ex-Wycombe forward Tony Amos from Tooting and John Baker from Dulwich Hamlet. Amos

has hit three goals this season and has fitted in well while Baker, a member of Hendon's fine side two years ago, is also among the goals having created a new scoring record for Dulwich last term.

If Hendon had not drawn three away matches this season, they would be sitting on top of the table with points in hand but it took them some time to settle into a team and they dropped points with draws at Southall 2-2, Hitchin 0-0 and Staines 1-1. At home, however, Hendon have yet to fail having beaten Ilford 2-0, Oxford 5-0 and Barking 2-0. They also won 3-1 at

Bishop's Stortford, Wycombe's opponents on Saturday.

Bobby Childs, an extremely dangerous player with a wealth of experience and Reggie James were the goalscorers against Barking but James may drop to substitute tonight. Hendon are expected to field: M. Dalrymple, J. Field, G. Hand, B. Stevens, A. Phillips, R. Haider, A. Field, D. Mettchick, R. Childs, J. Baker, A. Amos, E. James.

Although Dave Bullock played well at Tooting on Saturday, he is likely to stand down for Ray Eaton at left back. Ray was unavailable for the Tooting

game. Geoff Anthony is also bidding for a return to the side but Dylan 'Evans' performance on Saturday was a great improvement and he may stay up front alongside Tony Horseman and Derek Harris.

With the side they have at present, Hendon must be one of the favourites for the championship which they last won in 1973. And with Hand, Phillips and Amos all seeking to do well against their former club, Wycombe will be pleased to come away from Clarendon Road with a point.

How they stand

ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (up to and inc. 6/9/75)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pen	C	D
Enfield	7	5	1	1	13	5	16	0	0	0
Hitchin Town	7	5	1	1	10	4	16	0	0	0
Wycombe Wanderers	7	5	1	1	7	3	16	0	0	0
Sutton United	7	5	0	2	20	6	15	1	0	0
Hendon	7	4	3	0	15	4	15	0	0	0
Dulwich Hamlet	7	5	0	2	11	3	15	0	4	0
Kingstonian	7	4	1	2	13	11	13	0	0	0
Slough Town	7	3	3	1	10	7	12	2	0	0
Barking	5	4	0	1	8	5	12	2	0	0
Tooting & Mitcham Utd.	7	3	2	2	9	6	11	1	0	0
Southall & Ealing B.	7	3	1	3	14	14	10	1	0	0
Leatherhead	7	3	1	3	12	16	10	2	0	0
Bishop's Stortford	7	3	0	4	12	12	9	0	0	0
Walthamstow Avenue	7	3	0	4	10	13	9	2	0	0
Staines Town	7	2	2	3	10	8	8	0	0	0
Ilford	6	2	1	3	7	8	7	4	0	0
Hayes	7	2	1	4	8	12	7	1	0	0
Dagenham	6	1	2	4	11	16	5	1	0	0
Oxford City	7	1	2	4	2	11	5	1	0	0
Woking	7	0	1	6	6	17	1	3	0	0
Leytonstone	7	0	1	6	4	15	1	1	0	0
Clapton	7	0	0	7	0	16	0	0	0	0



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